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This is the only thing that I have heard -- rodents die wherever they happen to be. I think that the only source that I've seen is Bobby Corrigan. I think that its in his book. I've not seen a journal citation and did not find any credible information just now with google.

There are a couple of websites on rodent biology that state that "normal" travel ranges are between 150-300 feet from nests to food sources, but rats can move greater distances if necessary (ie to escape construction, etc).

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▼ Bill Jacobs---07/05/2011 12:29:02 PM---I didn't know that such was "our belief". Rodents die wherever they happen to be when they can go no

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Rodents die wherever they happen to be when they can go no farther. If that is in a burrow, that's where they die. If that is outdoors, above ground, that's where they die, etc.

In the early days of anticoagulants, there were claims to the effect that affected rodents would leave buildings, in search of water, prior to death. The impetus behind such claims seems to have been to persuade potential customers that, in addition to killing rodents, anticoagulants offered the unique advantage of having them die outside rather than within wall voids and other places where carcass stench and related problems might offend and be difficult to remove.

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Does anyone recall the source which informs our belief that contaminated commensal rodents leave house/structure and die outside?

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RB is picking up more help to make their case...now Exponent - what are the odds we see Debbie Edwards?

I'm not sure what he is referring to below - I don't recall mention of this particular point during our discussions with Culleen and Schecter. Does this ring a bell with either of you?

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Rick--

Thanks for your note.

As I recall the conversation with Larry Culleen, the discussion was about